

Hunt, Brad

From: Hunt, Brad
Sent: Friday, March 10, 2000 3:27 PM
To: Kutner, Emily
Subject: RE: Linux & stuff

Emily,
I cannot help you this week and next because I am jammed with other meetings and obligations.
Sorry.

Brad

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From: Kutner, Emily
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2000 5:44 PM
To: Hunt, Brad; Litvack, Mark
Cc: Barsky, Simon; Goeckner, Gregory; Huynh, Phuong; Taylor, Richard
Subject: Linux & stuff

We are working on documents that will amount to a press kit of sorts to be posted on our web site in regards to DVD/DeCSS. We are struggling with the "correct" answers to some of the more frequently asked questions. We would be very appreciative if you could answer the following in terms that anyone can understand (Joe Schmo reporters for instance). You may want to break the answer up and/or add a new question.

Q) Some computer users claim they only want to use DeCSS to "view" DVDs on the Linux operating system. Windows and Mac based computers can play DVDs so is it fair to deprive the Linux community?

We still have our own questions on this, as well as the following limited answers that may be included:

Linux users approached the DVD-CCA to learn about getting a license and didn't like the agreement requirements, so they decided to bypass the legal options.

Can DeCSS be used on Linux at all? We in PR have heard conflicting opinions.

DeCSS was built for the Windows operating system - not Linux. Therefore, Linux argument is false all around.

Even IF the argument were true (which we claim it's not) there now exists a legitimate player for the Linux system from Sigma designs. Therefore, there is no need for continued debate because they don't need DeCSS to play DVDs so they should have no problem removing the code from offending web sites. And see, DVD-CCA was more than willing to license to Linux community! Never was "holding out."

This is just the tip of the iceberg. We will have many questions for you over the next few days. And the entire MPA team will have an opportunity to review all the materials and go over with a fine tooth comb before they hit the web site.

Thank you mucho.

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